mation or proof necessary for establishing the allegations. IBM has held two All India Workshops on mining laws in 1988 and 1990 involving State Governments, mine owners and Mining Associations to understand difficulties in the approval of mining plans. Subsequently, eight regional workshops involving the recognised qualified persons (RQP) engaged in preparation of mining plans have been held in Goa, Madras, Bangalore, Jabalpur, Nagpur, Calcutta, Ajmer and Udaipur regions. Mining Plan Grievances Committees have been set up in each Regional Office of IBM in 1992-93 comprising of State Government officials, representatives of the Federation of Indian Mineral Industries, and RQP's in addition to IBM officials.

(d) An Additional Regional Controller of Mines has been assigned the duty of disposal of mining plans at Hyderabad in view of the large work load in that region.

(e) As IBM does not issue mining leases or licences, the question does not arise.

Revision of Royalty Rates on Minerals

1380. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Inter-State Council's Sub-Committee recently discussed revision of royalty rates on minerals exploited in certain states as reported in the Hindustan Times of 24th April, 1993;

(b) if so, the details of discussion thereof; and

(c) what decision Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Sub-Committee considered the relevant recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission. The question of Government taking any view will arise only after the Inter-State Council finalises its own views on the recommendations of its Sub-Committee.

Mineral Resources in Madhya Pradesh

1381. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Financial Express of 23rd April, 1993 captioned "Mineral resources found in Madhya Pradesh";

(b) if so, the details thereof and total expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years; and

(c) whether the Ecological Survey of India propose to undertake a similar survey in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As a result of survey and exploration carried out by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, following mineral resources/reserves have been established :

(i) 92 million tonnes of low silica dolomite in Lohani area, Chattarpur and Sagar districts.

(ii) 0.85 million tonnes of zinc ore with 6.48% Zn in Kherli Bazar area, Betul district.